exploited and inconvenienced by the broadcasters and the MSOs and TRAI is not taking any action for protection of consumer interest;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to help the companies providing set top boxes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) There is no shortage of Set Top Boxes (STBs) as per the reports received by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from the cable operators.

(b) Government has neither prescribed any agency from whom the STBs can be procured nor any list of supplier is maintained. As stated in reply to part (a), there is no shortage of STBs.

(c) No instances of exploitation by broadcasters/MSOs have come to the notice of TRAI. However, complaint against non-compliance of orders/ regulations relating to CAS scheme, as and when received, is attended to as per the established procedure for handling complaints. TRAI has been interacting with MSOs and concerned Nodal Officers so that bottlenecks, if any, are removed expeditiously in order to protect consumers' interests.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Employment exchanges with on line facility

2523. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to make online facility in all the employment exchanges to enable the industry to take advantage of the data; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Out of total 947 Employment Exchanges, 346 Employment Exchanges have already been computerized. Since the Employment Exchanges have been functioning under the administrative and financial control of the State

Governments/Union Territory Administrations, they have been requested to computerize all the remaining Employment Exchanges to enable the job seekers as well as the employers to have access to their services.

Consumer Price Index

†2524. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of listed items for monitoring of Consumer Price Index and the year in which the items were included last in the said Index;

(b) the details of rise and fall in Consumer Price Index during the last three years, till date; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to make changes in the process of fixation of Consumer Price Index?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The New Series of Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) on Base 2001=100 has been released by Labour Bureau on 9.3.2006 w.e.f. the monthly index pertaining to January, 2006. Approximately 392 items have been included in the basket of items for compilation of CPI-IW on the basis of new Family Income and Expenditure Survey conducted during 1999-2000, which are given in Statement-I (*see* below).

(b) The All-India, Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers during the last three years (month-wise) and January, 2007 given in Statement-II (*see* below).

(c) The Government has recently constituted an Index Review Committee, a non-statutory tripartite body, to review and report on various aspects relating to compilation of Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial workers including price collection mechanism and make recommendations for further improvement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.